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SUBJ: COSTA RICA BEEF EXPORT SUPPLY SITUATION

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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED ON JUNE 15 COPY OF LETTER SENT TO MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS RAFAEL A CALDERON FROM PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL CATTLEMEN FEDERATION VICTOR WOLF PLACING BEEF AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT IN 1978 AT 80.9 MILLION POUNDS. TEXT OF LETTER CALCULATES EXPORT SUPPLY COMING FROM BEEF SLAUGHTER AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) 185,482 HEAD FROM STEERS YIELDING 73.6 MILLION POUNDS;
- 2) 30,000 HEAD FROM COWS YIELDING 7.3 MILLION POUNDS.

CONCERNING NON US MARKETS, LETTER STATES THAT A ONE MILLION POUND SHIPMENT HAS BEEN MADE TO ISRAEL, 250,000 POUNDS CONTRACT HAS BEEN MADE WITH SOUTH KOREA, AND THAT NO SALES HAVE BEEN MADE TO VENEZUELA OR TO THE CARIBBEAN AREA. GIVEN THE RESTRAINT LEVEL OF 65.2 MILLION POUNDS, THE ISRAEL SALE AND THE KOREAN CONTRACT, THE LETTER ESTIMATES MEAT AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT TO OTHER MARKETS AT 14.450 MILLION POUNDS. THE LETTER CONCLUDES THAT THE EXPORT AVAILABILITY ESTIMATES ARE CONSERVATIVE AND THAT PRODUCTION FOR EXPORT COULD BE EVEN HIGHER DUE TO GOOD PASTURE CONDITIONS THAT ARE A RESULT OF AMPLE RAINFALL.

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2. COMMENT:

WHILE FEDERATION ESTIMATE OF BEEF EXPORT AVAILABILITY MAY BE SOMEWHAT HIGH, THERE SHOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY IN MEETING COSTA RICA'S NEW RESTRAINT LEVEL OF 65.2 MILLION POUNDS. EVEN WITHOUT THE COW MEAT SUPPLY, EXPORT OF WHICH IS PERMITTED AS RESULT OF RECENT REGULATION, AGATT PLACES EXPORT POTENTIAL AT 68.3 MILLION POUNDS.

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